TOPIC: TWO-YEAR CASH FUNDED CAPITAL PROGRAM LIST

AMENDMENT- COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This item requests approval of a Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program list amendment for Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC). The list includes one project that CNCC will pursue. The cash list is included as Attachment A.

II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

Current law allows governing boards to amend their two-year capital construction lists at any point during the fiscal year, and such amendments are to be submitted to the Commission and the Capital Development Committee (CDC) for approval or re-approval.

Department and CDC policy and practice is that no Cash Funded project may commence until it has received approval from the Commission and the CDC on the Two-Year list for non-intercept projects. In addition to CDC and Commission Two-Year Cash Funded list approval, a program plan must be reviewed and approved for intercept projects. Last December, the Commission approved all submitted Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program lists. They were approved in January by the legislature's Capital Development Committee. This will be Colorado Northwestern Community College's first Two-Year Cash Funded list in this fiscal year, as CNCC did not have any projects to submit in December 2012.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

The Colorado Northwestern Community College list adds one new project at a cost of approximately \$3.6 million. This \$3 million of this cost will come from the Rangely Junior College District (taxing board) and the remaining \$0.6 million will come from available foundation funds, grants, and a CNCC Foundation led donor campaign. Table 1 displays the new cash funded project as reported on the two-year list by funding type.

Table 1: Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program FY2012-2014

CF	\$3,600,000
FF	\$0
TF	\$3,600,000

For this project, Table 2 displays the breakdown between the academic and auxiliary nature of the

project and whether or not the project will be financed under the Higher Education Revenue Bond Intercept Program (C.R.S. 23-5-139). The intercept program permits schools to issue bonds for capital construction and use either the state's credit rating (opt in), or use their own credit rating (opt out). Academic facilities are those that are considered core to the role and mission of the institution (e.g. classrooms, student services, libraries), while auxiliary facilities are those that are not considered core to the role and mission and exist for some other purpose (e.g. residence halls, recreation centers, parking facilities).

Table 2: Cash Funded Project Types

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	Academic	Auxiliary	Total	
Intercept	0	0	0	
Non-Intercept	1	0	1	
Total	1	0	1	

Senate Bill 09-290, allows academic facilities constructed to be eligible for state Controlled Maintenance Funds. Non-Intercept projects will only have their cost projections reviewed in the Two-Year list, while Intercept projects require approval in the Two-Year list as well as program review. In accordance with the two step approval process for cash funded projects, the Department will review all budget documents submitted for Intercept Act cash projects and submit all forms to the General Assembly's Capital Development Committee as they are approved.

The new addition to CNCC's Two-Year List is described briefly below:

"Rector Science Building/Science Lab Renovations, Rangely Campus" project will update CNCC's main science and lab building, which hasn't been renovated since it was built in 1962 and is far below current standards. Each week, 1,100 student hours per week in biology, Human Physiology, Chemistry, Math and Humanities Courses take place in Rector, which accounts for over 30% of the aggregate CNCC local course load. The renovations will result in additional, modern lab space and a large, multi-use lecture hall. It will be will paid for through Rangely Junior College District (taxing board), CCNC Foundation, and grant funds. If approved, the project would commence in Summer 2013 and would be completed in Fall 2014.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program for Colorado Northwestern Community College for submission to the Governor, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and the Capital Development Committee.

V. <u>STATUTORY AUTHORITY</u>

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C.R.S. 23-1-106 (7)

- (c) (I) The commission annually shall prepare a unified, two-year capital improvements report for projects to be constructed or acquired pursuant to subsection (9) or (10) of this section and estimated to require total project expenditures exceeding two million dollars, coordinated with education plans. The commission shall transmit the report to the office of state planning and budgeting, the governor, and the general assembly, consistent with the executive budget timetable.
- (II) (A) Commencing in the 2010 regular legislative session, and in each regular legislative session thereafter, the commission shall submit the two-year projections prepared by each state institution of higher education for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 fiscal years, and for each two-year period thereafter as applicable, to the office of state planning and budgeting and the capital development committee. Beginning in the 2010 regular legislative session and in each regular legislative session thereafter, the capital development committee shall conduct a hearing on the projections and either approve the projections or return the projections to the institution for modification. The commission and the office of state planning and budgeting shall provide the capital development committee with comments concerning each projection.
- (B) A state institution of higher education may submit to the staff of the capital development committee, the commission, and the office of state planning and budgeting an amendment to its approved two-year projection. The capital development committee shall conduct a hearing on the amendment within thirty days after submission during a regular legislative session of the general assembly or within forty-five days after submission during any period that the general assembly is not in regular legislative session. The capital development committee shall either approve the projections or return the projections to the institution for modification. The commission and the office of state planning and budgeting shall provide the capital development committee with comments concerning each amendment.

ATTACHMENT A: CNCC Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List